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**THE NEWS BY THE BALT**  
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**The Czar's Reply Received and
Rejected.**
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## NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED FOR THE PRESENT

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### Withdrawal of the Russian Ministers from London and Paris.

**The British and French Ministers  
St. Petersburg Recalled.**

### ACTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR HOSTILITIES

ward Steamers to Convey Troops  
the Seat of War.

**IMPORTANT DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT.**  
**New Congress of Nations to Meet at Brussels.**

THE ORLOFF MISSION.

The United States mail steamship *Baltic*, Captain C. J. Smith, from Liverpool Wednesday, February 8, arrived at New York at three o'clock yesterday morning. She left Liverpool

The Europa, from this port 25h ult., arrived at Lido at half-past eight o'clock on the morning of the instant.

The Russian Ministers have left London and Paris, and instructions have been sent to the French and English ambassadors to withdraw from St. Petersburg. The

The police of Paris have broken up a Russian Club at the "Bureau de l'Agence Financière" on the Rue

The French papers are ordered not to speak of the movements of troops or other preparations for war, except in the case of the Italians. At this Club the secret agents of B received their orders to circulate reports on the course and in the streets and cafes. No arrests were made.

A contract for coal to supply 11,000 horse power, just been completed at Copenhagen for an English ship.

Sir Stephen Lakeman, who commanded the Waterkings in the recent Cape War, has received command of a body of Turkish troops in Asia.

The infant Princess of Asturias, only surviving child of the Queen of Spain, is dangerously ill. Her death would once again open the succession to the Duchess of Alba.

A bread riot broke out at Périgueux, on the first of February. The military were put under arms. A severe gale raged along the coast night of Tuesday, and it had been stormy at times for some days. Several slight casualties are reported. Among others,

Hans, Ionian, and Hamlet, for New Orleans, and (New World, for New York, put back with slight damage. The ship Wild Rose, from New Orleans, at Liverpool, was twice struck by lightning, and set on fire forward, on the 15th January, lat 45, lon. 40. By several hours exert pumping in water the fire was suppressed. Thirty

les of cotton were thrown overboard. The Bonaventure, from Savannah, is ashore near Hondo, and with fore and mainmasts cut away. A steamer is to assist, and she will be got off.

Olivia Pellico died at Turin on the 1st instant, aged 61.

The Limerick Chronicle says that the family and friends of the late Mrs. Pellico are now in the city of Turin.

William Smith O'Brien now entertains a well-grounded hope of his free pardon before the end of the present year. A fire which originated in a cigar store in Leman Lane, London, destroyed considerable property, and seven lives were lost, on Tuesday, 7th instant.

**Our London Correspondence.**  
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**THE RUPTURE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE WESTERN  
 POWERS—COUNT ORLOFF FAILS IN HIS MISSION  
 ARE WE AT PEACE OR AT WAR?—THE RUSSIAN  
 PROPOSALS—CLARENDON'S STATEMENT—THE BL**

We are precisely in that state in which Mahomet Min is said to be—in suspense between heaven and hell, for though we are now in actual rupture with Kiam and Brunow and Kiseleff are eating together *cordillies* at the Hotel de Russie at Brussels, we all understand that there is a change still left to

Donat Orkiff's mission has, I am happy to say, proved a failure at Vienna and Berlin. Why he still lingers at Vienna, and why the English and French governments do not at once resent the insult put upon them by the fact of the mission itself, for the sake

First, it was demanded that a Turkish plenipotentiary should be sent either to the headquarters of the army

Secondly, the former treaties between Russia and the Four Powers.

And lastly, the Czar insisted on a declaration from the Committee, couched in similar terms to the *Menshevik* ultimatum, with reference to the opinion of the Czar's Council.

This project was communicated to the Conference of the Communist Bloc, and was at once rejected as totally inadmissible. All negotiations are, therefore, brought to a close. I am sure that there is no probability that they will be resumed.

to the above may add that Count Orsini offered  
a treaty with Austria and Prussia, in the name  
of Russia, offensive and defensive, against England.  
In answer, to send a fleet to protect the Prussian coast,  
the young Emperor of Austria has formally declined  
the Czar's propositions. How far the instinct of a

Both Austria and Prussia have also refused economic neutrality. In fact, neutrality by them would be nothing less than to set as a barrier or shield against the Western Powers in favor of Russia.

the whole of the correspondence between the different ambassadors, ministers, &c., relative to the Eastern question. I have waded through both volumes. The portion that is new is the first half of volume I, which contains the origin of the "squabble" about the H